

OSDM /Services / Referrals Workgroup Assignments

OSDM=Office of Substitute Decision Maker Iowa Code 231E

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2012 Report Recommendations

Recommendation #3 Elder Abuse Intervention System: Implement a system focused on prevention, intervention, detection, and provision of services to maintain the health, welfare, safety, and resources of the older Iowan. The recommended system to implement and fund statewide is based upon the Elder Abuse Initiative demonstration projects previously funded through the Senior Living Trust Funds and piloted in 22 counties.

Recommendation #4 Allocation of Service Dollars: To fully implement an elder abuse intervention system, funding for services is needed to ensure protection and safety.

Recommendation #9 Safe Havens: Create specific locations to house a victim of elder abuse. A victim of elder abuse is generally removed from their home in an attempt to keep them safe from a perpetrator. If an older Iowan needs a safe place to stay there are no specific locations that can meet the unique needs of an older person.

SF446 Section 50 Mandates:

(2)(a) The design of the comprehensive approach to elder abuse prevention and intervention in the state utilizing the prevention of elder abuse program pursuant to section 231.56A and the office of substitute decision maker pursuant to chapter 231E.

(2)(2) Incorporation of the approach design into other existing and developing components of the system including the area agencies on aging, the mental health and disability services regions, local public health departments, the local offices of the department on human services, the courts, and other appropriate entities, to most effectively and efficiently address the needs of older individuals.